

Society Items.

[We desire the Secretaries of all Societies to send us *brief* reports of their meeting, each month, and such will be published here, and we trust that Societies will not be slow in taking advantage of this privilege.]

The twenty-third regular meeting of the Garfield Perry Stamp Club, of Cleveland, Ohio, was held in their rooms in the Harkness Block, corner of Euclid and Wilson Ave. The meeting was called to order with President Schneider in the chair; the following members being present: Messrs. Bailey, Brodie, Wilcox, C. & N. Stockwell and one visitor. Minutes of the twenty-second meeting were read and approved. The Committee, which was appointed to canvas the project of electing a resident *vice-president* of the A. P. A., reported that there were a sufficient number of A. P. A. members in the vicinity, and the Secretary was entrusted to call a meeting of the A. P. A. members for this purpose at the next regular meeting. Communication from J. J. Overton, of this city, and C. B. Duffy, of Columbus, applying for membership, were read. All members are requested to bring their collections and lots for the auction sale to the next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m. Address all communications to Carl N. Stockwell, Secretary, 645 Prospect St. Cleveland, Ohio.

Stanley Gibson's Monthly Journal reports that a Philatelic Society has been formed in Bombay, India, with Mr. J. Seymour Summers as Secretary; address 33 Sassoon Dock Road, Bombay, India. A goodly number of resident collectors attended the first meeting.

A large list of applications for membership to the A. P. A. was published in the November issue of the *American Philatelist*. The Society is experiencing one of the old-time "booms."

The South African Philatelic Society held its second annual general meeting at Fort Elizabeth, Cape Colony, on July 20th.

The Philatelic Society, of Victoria, was formed August 10th with a membership of thirty one; Chas. Heasleman, Melbourne, as the Secretary.

The *Eastern Philatelist* says that despite the contradictory reports published, Mr. George Vanderbilt has really a nice collection of postage stamps. This came to light the other day, when an inventory of this gentleman's museum was taken. With his wealth, he should possess a fine collection.

In the October issue of the *Postal Card* appears an interesting article on "The French Balloon Cards," reprinted from the *American Journal of Philately*. By the way, this little magazine proves an invaluable help to us poor post-card collectors.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's price list, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed, and together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

Correspondents' Column.

'This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

J. W.—The government is not responsible for registered letters. It only agrees for the extra postage to take a little better care than it does of other mail. You cannot sue the Canadian Government.

MRS. W. D. SMITH, Portsmouth, N. H.—The specimens of envelopes submitted are the common varieties of little or no value; the specimen with double impression is worth no more than an ordinary specimen.

Montreal, Oct. 20th, 1892.

EDITOR CANADIAN PHILATELIST:—

Have been told by a friend of an Insurance stamp issued in Canada some time ago, which after being in use a short time was recalled and money refunded for those used, all which were said to have been destroyed. Can you give me any information in regard to this stamp? Has it any philatelic value? if so, how much are they worth? Are there many of them to be found in a used state? By answering above in next issue of the *Canadian Philatelist*, you will kindly oblige,

Yours very truly,
MORTON WEBB.

We have no information whatever in regard to the above stamp. Cannot some of our readers enlighten us? We shall be pleased to publish any correspondence on this matter.

WRITER'S PRIZE COMPETITION.

CONDITIONS:

1. All manuscript must be written on one side of the paper only; and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the sender.
2. The competition closes February the 28th, 1893. Results of the competition will be made known in our January issue, and awards forwarded winners immediately on the close of the competition.
3. Articles must be addressed to Editor CANADIAN PHILATELIST, 185½ Dundas Street, London, Canada, and must be marked "Writer's Prize Competition."
4. Every competitor must be a *paid-up subscriber* to the CANADIAN PHILATELIST.
5. In the awarding of the prizes, the originality of the subject will count much toward the awarding of the prizes.
6. All articles sent become the property of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, with the right to publish the same if so desired.

PRIZES.

Four prizes will be offered:

FIRST—Stamps to the value of \$10.00, to be selected by the winner from our approval sheet.

SECOND—Our \$5.00 stock.

THIRD—A \$2.50 edition of Scott's International Album.

FOURTH—A \$1.50 edition of Scott's International Album.

Awards will be made by impartial and disinterested judges.

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